Closure of Telegraph Sub-offices and Branch Post Offices in Andhra Circle

1681. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently closed 100 telegraph sub-offices and 50 branch post offices in the Andhra circle;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. No sub-post office with telegraph facility was closed in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87. However, 23 and not fifty etxra-departmental branch post offices were discontinued during the same period, most of which were in urban areas where an adeuatqe number of departmental post offices exist to cater to the requirement of the local people.

(b) The details of the extra-departmental branch post offices closed are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) In one case the reason was that Non-returnable Contribution (NRC) on the basis of which the post office was opened had ceased. In other cases, the prescribed departmental standards were not fulfilled.

Inland water way scheme from Kakinada to Madras

1682. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inland Water Ways Authority of India had approved a scheme developing inland waterways from Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) to Madras; and

(b) if so, the details there of and the amount sanctioned for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Macherla-Raichur rail line

1683. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted any survey between Macherla-Raichur in the South Central Railway for the construction of rail line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Survey has been taken up but not yet completed.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund

1684. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Road Fund during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the allocations to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Road Fund; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Following amounts were sanctioned to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh out of Central Road Fund during the last three years: —

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in Lakh)
1983-84	47·00
1984-85	66·00
1985-86	115·00